

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A protection ~~device~~ system for use during outside activities for protection of a wearer against crawling insects such as deer ticks carrying Lyme Disease, said protection system comprising:

a set of protection elements for protection of ~~at least two types~~ a corresponding set of clothing openings, with at least one protection element pre-configured to accommodate a correspondingly configured clothing opening, and

a set of clothing articles donned by a person to be protected by the set of protection elements and defining the corresponding set of clothing openings, said set ~~a selected from the group of types~~ of clothing openings consisting of: waist band, shirt collar, shirt front, shirt long sleeves, and long pant cuffs,

each protection element of said set of protection elements comprising:

an elongate substrate having a first, inner surface and an opposite, second, outer surface,

a first, inner adhesive layer adhered upon said first, inner surface of said substrate and having an adhesive surface that, upon exposure, releasably adheres said protection element upon a clothing surface of said set of clothing articles in a region adjacent to ~~a selected type of~~ the corresponding clothing opening, and

a second, outer adhesive layer adhered upon said second, outer surface of said substrate and having an adhesive surface that, upon exposure, acts to impede advancement of insects crawling upon the clothing surface of said set of clothing articles into contact with the

adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer from proceeding thereacross toward the ~~selected type of~~ corresponding clothing opening.

2. (Currently amended) The protection device of claim 1, further comprising an inner release sheet mounted upon the adhesive surface of said first, inner adhesive layer and removable to expose the adhesive surface to adhere said protection element upon a the clothing surface.

3. (Previously presented) The protection device of claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising an outer release sheet mounted upon the adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer and removable to expose the adhesive surface to at least impede advancement of the crawling insects across the adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer.

4. (Currently amended) The protection device of claim 1, further comprising, in said set of protection elements, a release sheet having a first surface removably mounted upon the adhesive surface of said first, inner adhesive layer and removable to expose the adhesive surface of said first, inner adhesive layer to adhere said protection element upon a the clothing surface and an opposite second surface removably mounted upon an opposed adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer and removable to expose the adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer to at least impede advancement of the crawling insects across the adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer.

5-7. Cancelled.

8. (Currently Amended) The protection device of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, wherein said at least one pre-configured protection element is pre-configured for length.

9. (Currently Amended) The protection device of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, wherein said at least one pre-configured protection element is pre-configured for shape.

10. (Previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, wherein said set of protection elements has the form of a roll.

11. (Previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, wherein said set of protection elements has the form of a sheet.

12. (Previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, wherein at least one said protection element of said set of protection elements further comprises a shield portion extending outwardly from a plane of said substrate relative to and generally above said second, outer adhesive layer.

13. (Original) The protection device of claim 12, wherein said shield portion is an integral extension of said substrate.

14. (Original) The protection element of claim 13, wherein said shield portion has the form of a curved, outward extension of an edge portion of said substrate.

15. (Original) The protection element of claim 13, wherein said shield portion has the form of a protrusion from the second, outer surface of said substrate.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for protection against insects such as deer ticks carrying Lyme Disease crawling upon a clothing surface of a wearer toward clothing openings, said method comprising protection of at least two types of clothing openings selected from the group of types of clothing openings consisting of: waist band, shirt collar, shirt front, shirt sleeves, and pant cuffs by the steps of:

a) selecting a protection element from a set of protection elements comprising an elongate substrate having a first, inner surface and an opposite, second, outer surface, a first,

inner adhesive layer adhered upon the first, inner surface of the substrate and having an adhesive surface, and a second, outer adhesive layer adhered upon the second, outer surface of the substrate and having an adhesive surface;

b) exposing the adhesive surface of the first, inner adhesive layer;

c) applying the adhesive surface of the first, inner adhesive layer to a clothing surface to removably attach the protection element to the clothing surface adjacent to a selected type of clothing opening;

d) exposing the adhesive surface of the second, outer adhesive layer to impede advancement of insects crawling upon the clothing surface from proceeding across the adhesive surface of the second, outer adhesive layer, toward the selected type of clothing opening; and

e) repeating the steps a) through d) to adhere protection elements in regions of at least one additional type of clothing opening.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, comprising the further step of adhering the protection element generally below the selected type of clothing opening to impede advancement of insects crawling generally upward toward the selected type of clothing opening.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, comprising the further step of removing a release sheet to expose the adhesive surface of the first, inner adhesive layer.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 or claim 18, comprising the further step of removing a release sheet to expose the adhesive surface of the second, outer adhesive layer.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, further comprising delaying removal of the release sheet to expose the adhesive surface of the second, outer adhesive layer until arriving in a region where protection is desired.

21 and 22. Cancelled.